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Use of petroleum in water barrels and cisterns.

LAREDO, Tex., September 25, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington.

Mosquito netting used. Fumigation with sulphur. Petroleum in water barrels and cisterns. Cleaning up of weeds and burning is being done slowly. City short of money. Two cases died to-day. Three cases not confirmed on hand.

HAMILTON.

Unconditional quarantine against Laredo.

LAREDO, Tex., September 25, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

From information which I have obtained here yellow has probably existed in Nuevo Laredo for six weeks and in Laredo for two. The two fatal cases reported in prior telegram form two distinct foci. I fear we will find others. All counties along the International and Great Northern, including Bexar (San Antonio), have quarantined Laredo unconditionally. The road to Corpus Christi has stopped all traffic. It is hoped that the influence of Tabor and the quarantine measures taken here will relieve the situation and inspire confidence. Conference held here to-night with city, county, and State authorities. Tabor assumes charge, accepts our cooperation, and leaves me a free hand to handle the situation. Wire if this acceptable to Bureau. I will start two gangs disinfecting and screening to-morrow. The authorities of Nuevo Laredo confess to 6 cases yellow and 4 deaths. The border here appears well protected. Reports on cases of dengue in Nueces County have just been received. No Service officers have arrived here, nor the camp equipment.

GUITERAS.

REPLY.

WASHINGTON, September 26, 1903.

Surgeon GUITERAS, Laredo, Tex.:

Arrangement with Tabor, as in your wire received to-day, acceptable to Bureau. Your efforts of course then will be to prevent spread in Laredo and prevent its reaching other towns, and Bureau expects you to plan and operate accordingly. Wire fully your plans that Bureau may cooperate with or advise you. Bureau's views have already been given you and Tabor. Notify if you think detention camp will be needed. Also wire Bureau daily the situation. Souchon has Nolte at San Antonio for observation. Von Ezdorf and Pharmacist Walerius should arrive shortly. Advise you allow Hamilton to continue his customary work. He has been notified, however, that you are in command. Financial matters in succeeding telegram.

WYMAN.